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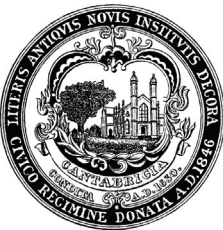
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The **Cambridge Poet Populist** is an informal office for a local poet, chosen by the people to represent poetry for the City of Cambridge. Modeled after Seattle's Poet Populist initiative, this program is sponsored by the City of Cambridge, the Cambridge Arts Council, and the Cambridge Public Library. For more information: www.cambridgeartscouncil.org/poet_populist.html.

Nominations for the 2009-2010 Poet Populist will be accepted in January 2009. For more information, please contact Julie Madden, CAC Director of Community Arts, at jmadden@cambridgema.gov or 617-349-4381.

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INVITE YOU TO PARTICIPATE IN

**THE CAMBRIDGE
POETRY QUEST AND
SCAVENGER HUNT**

Contest Deadline:
Thursday, December 11, 2008

**THE CAMBRIDGE POETRY QUEST
AND SCAVENGER HUNT**

*Cambridge's first Poet Populist Peter Payack invites
you to discover Cambridge's rich poetic history!*



Cambridge Poet Populist Peter Payack in front of the former Cambridge home of E.E. Cummings.
Where in Cambridge is it located?

Many well-known poets have ties to Cambridge. Their traces can be found today. Where did T.S. Eliot live while teaching at Harvard from 1913-1914? Visit the oldest poetry book shop in the country. Find the Cambridge park with poems engraved and attached to lampposts. Show off your poetry knowledge, and win prizes! *The Cambridge Poetry Quest and Scavenger Hunt* makes a fun activity for school groups, family and friends over the Thanksgiving holiday.

INSTRUCTIONS

- 1) Submission deadline is Thursday, December 11, 2008
- 2) Send answers with corresponding question numbers to poetpopulist@cambridgema.gov with "Cambridge Poetry Quest" in the subject line, or drop in submission boxes at the Cambridge Arts Council (344 Broadway, 2nd Fl, Cambridge) or any Cambridge Public Library branch. Please include your NAME or GROUP, ADDRESS, E-MAIL, and PHONE NUMBER.
- 3) Winners will be announced at www.cambridgeartscouncil.org on Thursday, December 18, 2008.
- 4) The contest is open to individuals or groups (for example, a grade-school English class).

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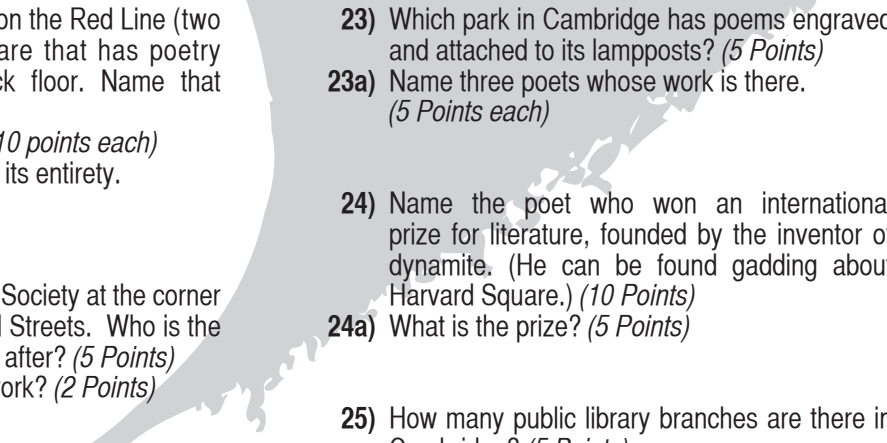
There will be dozens of prizes awarded, including poetry books, autographed poetry books and gift certificates.

Bonus!

Anyone who drops off their answers at the Cambridge Arts Council will receive a complimentary Poetry Cookie from the first batch of Poet Populist Peter Payack's Poetry Cookies!

Good luck!

THE CAMBRIDGE POETRY QUEST AND SCAVENGER HUNT QUESTIONS

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- 1) Who was the Cantabrigian who was notorious for his poems with no capitalization or punctuation? (5 Points)
1a) Where did he live? (5 Points)
1b) Find a notable line of this poet's poems and quote it. (10 Points)
- 2) What fantastic late Argentinean poet lived on Craigie Street and mentioned it in one of his poems? (5 Points)
- 3) Who walked daily to Harvard from his Concord home and then took a swim in Walden Pond? (5 Points)
- 4) Which 19th century author transcended the audience when he gave a speech at Harvard that resulted in him being banned from the university for the next 25 years? (5 Points)
4a) What did he say? (10 Points)
- 5) Name the fabled female poet, who smoked cigars and was of the Imagist School, buried in Mt. Auburn Cemetery. (5 Points)
5a) On which path is she buried? (10 Points)
- 6) What 19th century poet lived in a mansion on Brattle Street? (5 Points)
6a) Name one of his famous poems? (5 Points)
6b) In how many languages was this poet fluent? (10 Points)
- 7) Two roads diverged in the wood, and he took the one less traveled to live on this street for 22 years. Who was this poet? (5 Points)
7a) Name the Cambridge street where he lived. (10 Points)
- 8) Which early feminist and Transcendentalist woman writer was born and raised in Cambridge? (5 Points)
8a) Where did she live? (10 Points)
8b) Where is she buried? (25 Points)
- 9) Which is the oldest Poetry Book Shop in the country? (5 Points)
9a) Name five poets who have their photos hanging in their "Hall of Fame." (2 Points each)
9b) What book did this book shop smuggle into the country to sell? (15 Points)
- 10) Where did T.S. Eliot live while teaching at Harvard from 1913-1914? (10 Points)
10a) What was his major work whose last line ended in the Sanskrit "Shanith shanith shanith"? (10 Points)
- 11) Name the oldest poetry club in America. (5 Points)
11a) Name its three prominent founders. (2 Points each)
- 12) Who attended Cambridge High & Latin (class of 1929) while living in her parents' Channing Place home? (10 Points)
- 13) There is a Cambridge poet on whom the Library of Congress bestowed a wreath of Laurel. What was the honor? (5 Points)
13a) Who is the poet? (5 Points)
- 14) Where is the bookstore named *Lorem Ipsum* located? (5 Points)
14a) Where does its name come from, and what does it mean? (20 Points)
- 15) Surely no dud, she was America's first published poet. (20 Points)
- 16) There is a subway station on the Red Line (two stops from Harvard Square that has poetry sandblasted into the brick floor. Name that Station. (15 Points)
16a) Name three of the poets. (10 points each)
16b) Quote one of the poems in its entirety. (25 points)
- 17) There is an Italian Cultural Society at the corner of Hampshire and Portland Streets. Who is the Florentine poet it is named after? (5 Points)
17a) What is his most famous work? (2 Points)
- 18) Although not a member of the church hierarchy, she won the Pulitzer prize for poetry in 1956, *Bless her!* Who is this poet? (10 Points)
- 19) Name the Cambridge press that published works by both the first Boston Poet Laureate and first Cambridge Poet Populist. (5 Points)
19a) Name the Boston Poet Laureate. (2 Points)
19b) Name the Cambridge Poet Populist. (Here's a quick 25 Points!)
- 20) What tavern in Cambridge is named after an infamous beat Poet? (5 Points)
20a) Where is it located? (5 Points)
20b) Quote a line from one of the poems on the wall. (25 Points)
- 21) Who is Dexter Pratt? (25 Points)
21a) Where was his business establishment? (15 Points)
- 22) A Cambridge bar boasts the symbol and name of the Irish Citizens Army and was the birthplace of the literary magazine whose name was derived from this noted establishment. Name the bar. (5 Points)
22a) Name the magazine. (5 Points)
- 23) Which park in Cambridge has poems engraved and attached to its lampposts? (5 Points)
23a) Name three poets whose work is there. (5 Points each)
- 24) Name the poet who won an international prize for literature, founded by the inventor of dynamite. (He can be found gadding about Harvard Square.) (10 Points)
24a) What is the prize? (5 Points)
- 25) How many public library branches are there in Cambridge? (5 Points)
25a) Name three. (2 Points each)
- 26) Lowell, Mass. is the birthplace of Jack Kerouac while Quincy, Mass. is the home of Abigail Adams. Which Harvard House for years offered "office hours" open to the public with this famous poet? (15 Points)
26a) Who was the poet? (15 Points)
- 27) Who wrote *Clotel, or the President's Daughter: A Narrative of Slave Life in the United States*, the first novel by an African American, which appeared in 1853? (25 Points)
27a) Where did he live? (10 Points)
- 28) Which philosopher wrote *The Republic*, 2,500 years before The People's Republic of Cambridge was founded, and wanted to ban all poets?!?? (10 Points)
28a) Why did he want to ban the poets? (25 Points)
- JUST FOR FUN!**
29) Name your favorite Cambridge poet.
29a) Name your favorite poem by a Cambridge poet.